Sl. No.	Signed and in operation	Signed only (yet to be ratified)	Initialled only (yet to be ratified)	Under various stages of negotiation
17				Nepal (New Treaty)
18				New Zealand
19				Nigeria
20				Qatar
21				Romania
22				Singapore
23				South Africa
24				Sudan
25				Thailand
26				Uganda
27				Yemen
28				Peru
29				Mexico
30				Paraguay

Extradition treaties

†258. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with which India has extradition-treaty;

(b) the number of accused handed over to India under the said treaty, so far; and

(c) the countries with which India proposed to sign extradition treaty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) (i) IN OPERATION

Belgium, Bhutan, Canada, Hong Kong, Nepal, Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America and Uzbekistan.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(ii) SIGNED BUT YET TO BE RATIFIED

Germany, Mongolia, Tunisia, Turkey, Spain, Ukrain and France.

(b) Eighteen accused have been handed over to India.

(c) Proposals for signing the Extradition Treaties are under various stages of negotiations with the foilowing countries: Bulgaria, Malaysia, Oman, Philippines, Poland, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Bahrain, Belarus, Brazil, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Greece, Iran, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea (ROK), Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Qatar, Romania, Singapore, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand, Uganda, Yemen, Paraguay, Peru and Mexico.

Indo-Bangla relations

259. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late India's relations with Bangladesh are fast deteriorating;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to stem the tide in the worsening Indo-Bangla relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) to (c) India and Bangladesh share cordial relations. As two countries which share a long border of more than 4000 km border, problems relating to border management are bound to occur. They are resolved through discussions.

2. India and Bangladesh interact on an ongoing basis on various matters aimed at improving bilateral ties. A number of bilateral meetings take place regularly in addition to other visits at different levels between the two countries. Mr. M. Morshed Khan, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh visited India on 16-17 June, 2002 and the Minister of external Affairs visited to Dhaka on 24-25 August, 2002. Mr. M. Morshed Khan, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh again visited India on 13-16 February, 2003 at the invitation of External Affairs Minister. During these high level exchanges, discussions were held at the highest level on issues of mutual interest. The discussions have facilitated better understanding between the two Governments.